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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS ASSISTANCE FROM US REGARDING
492 REFUGEES

1. MFA UNDERSECRETARY YUSOF HITAM CALLED IN EMBOFF AFTERNOON
OF MAY 6 TO CONVEY OFFICIAL REQUEST OF GOM FOR ASSISTANCE IN REMOVING
492 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES CURRENTLY BEING HELD PULAU PERHENTIAN
OFF THE EAST COAST OF THE MALAYA PENINSULA. YUSOF STATED THAT
THESE REFUGEES, ONE CAMBODIAN AND THE REST VIETNAMESE, HAD ARRIVED
IN SMALL CRAFT UNABLE TO MAKE ANY PROLONGED OCEAN VOYAGE. THE REFUGEE
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ARE BEING GUARDED BY A POLICE FIELD FORCE PLATOON AND ARE RECEIVING
ASSISTANCE FROM TRENGGANU STATE SECURITY COMMITTEE WHICH HAS
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR WELFARE. ACCORDING TO YUSOF, MOST
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HAVE EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO GO TO NEAREST UNITED STATES BASE. SINCE

THE GOM HAS DETERMINED THAT IT IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT THESE REFUGEES IN MALAYSIA, YUSOF SAID, IT WAS ASKING THAT THE USG MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO MOVE THEM ELSEWHERE. PER GUIDANCE RECEIVED, EMBOFF URGED THAT THE PLIGHT OF THESE REFUGEES BE REFERRED TO INTERNATIONAL BODIES SUCH AS UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES. YUSOF REPLIED THAT THIS HAD BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE GOM BUT HAD BEEN REJECTED BECAUSE OF STRONG INTERNAL POLITICAL PRESSURES AGAINST GIVING MORE THAN PASSING ASSISTANCE.

2. ACCORDING TO ASSOCIATED PRESS CORRESPONDENT HERE, AT ABOUT SAME TIME HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER GHAZALI SHAFIE ANNOUNCED THAT USG HAD BEEN ASKED TO COME "AND TAKE AWAY" 413 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. WE PRESUME FIGURE GIVEN US BY YUSOF IS CORRECT ONE.

3. REQUEST GUIDANCE.
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